

2013 Program Schedule July 1st – 13th



Programs are free unless noted otherwise.
Spaces are limited.

All programs require reservations.

All programs begin at the Visitor Center unless another site is listed.

Children must be accompanied by an adult (one adult for each three children).

The age limits are definite – please do not sign up a child who is too young or too old for the program.

Call (931) 648-5526 for reservations.

*Designates program that meets Junior Ranger requirements

Monday, July 1 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. EVENING NATURE HIKE Ages 5 and Up

Bring your walking sticks as we do a 2 mile hike around the trails. We will see what animals will show themselves and discuss some of the plant life seen along the trail. The hike will be at a slow pace but will be moderately strenuous due to terrain. Please have shoes that are good for hiking, clothing that can get dirty and be ready to ask questions.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

Wednesday, July 3 8:00 – 9:15 p.m. NIGHT HIKE Ages 5 and Up

Dunbar Cave is a happening place after the gates close. Enjoy an evening stroll through the woods as we listen for Owls, Frogs, Toads, Crickets and other creatures of the night.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Program Leader: Adam Neblett, Park Ranger

Thursday, July 4 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. FISH, INSECTS and FRESHWATER MUSSELS OF THE RED RIVER

Have you ever wondered what really lives under the water? Come join us at Port Royal State Park near Adams, TN and I bet I can show you fish, mussels and insects that you have never seen before. Please wear closed toe shoes and clothing that can get wet (or waders). Children under the age of 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Port Royal State Park's riverside parking lot.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by 4:30 July 3.

Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

8:00 – 9:15 p.m. NIGHT LIGHTS

Ages 4-adult

We will walk around the lake and find out what we can see at night.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Program Leader: Amy Wallace, Interpretive Specialist

Friday, July 5 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FISHING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES All Ages

Are you new to fishing or have children that really want to learn how to fish? Please meet me at the visitor's center or join us at Swan Lake beside the visitor's center as I bring out different equipment and discuss the different techniques of fishing in Middle Tennessee.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. EVENING WOODS WALK

All ages

This time of day is great for seeing wildlife such as deer. Come walk the Recovery Trail (2 miles) with a Ranger in the evening and beat the heat. Bring water and sturdy shoes.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Program Leader: Adam Neblett, Park Ranger

Saturday, July 6 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. LAKE CRITTERS Ages 4 and Up
Come out and explore Swan Lake as we find animals to talk about and learn their importance to the natural world around us. Please wear closed toed shoes, clothing that can get wet and insect repellent. We will play in the shallow water and see what animals allow us to capture them.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

Sunday, July 7 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. MORNING NATURE HIKE Ages 5 and Up
Bring your walking sticks as we make a 2 mile hike, see what animals show themselves and discuss some of the plant life seen along the trail. The hike will be at a slow pace but will be moderately strenuous due to terrain. Please have good hiking shoes, clothing that can get dirty and be ready to ask questions.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. NIGHT CREATURES All ages
Come out and enjoy Dunbar Cave State Natural Area while the park is usually closed. We will learn about the animals that come out after we have been in bed.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Adam Neblett, Park Ranger

Wednesday, July 10 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. NIGHT HIKE AND NIGHT SOUNDS Ages 5 and Up
Enjoy Dunbar Cave State Natural Area while the park is usually closed, learn night sounds as well as many of the animals that come out after we have been in bed. The hike will be moderate in difficulty but we will move slowly. Adults please have flashlights as we will try to keep the amount of light to a minimum.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

Thursday, July 11 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. HOW TO BUILD AND START A CAMPFIRE All Ages
Come out and learn to start a campfire the way that the Long Hunters did when they first arrived in Tennessee. Materials will be provided and you will get the chance to try your hand using flint and steel.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

8:00 – 9:15 p.m. NIGHT WALK All ages
For those who want to experience the park at night but don't want to do the long hike.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Amy Wallace, Interpretive Specialist

Friday, July 12 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING TRAINING (PART 1) Ages 10 and Up
Have you ever wanted to go for an overnight backpacking trip but were worried about how to pack and prepare? We will discuss what to pack and how to prepare for an overnight stay in the wild. Please come dressed and geared up as we will be going for a hike around the park. Training is for ages 10 and up but younger children may attend but not carry a large pack.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. WILDFLOWERS Adults
Take an easy walk around the grounds and learn to identify some of our summer flowers.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Amy Wallace, Interpretive Specialist

Saturday, July 13 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. MUDBUGS AND FROGS All Ages
Join us for an evening of hunting Mudbugs (aka crayfish, crawdads) at the lake. I will teach you a near fool proof plan for catching these interesting creatures, and a little bit about them and frogs.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Program Leader: Shawn Settle, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger

